

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

BRIDGEPORT MUSIC, INC., et al.,)
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) Plaintiffs,))
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) v.)))
) NO. 3:01-0703))
) Jury Demand))
SONGS OF ALL NATIONS, et al.,)))
) Judge Campbell/Brown))
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) Defendants.)))

O R D E R

The Universal defendants have filed a motion to compel further response to the second set of requests for inspection and copying of documents (Docket Entry No. 64). As an initial matter, the Magistrate Judge would point out that the parties have failed to comply with Local Rule 9(e)(1), and there is no joint statement of the matters at issue in this discovery dispute. Accordingly, this motion is **DENIED** without prejudice to be refiled with a proper statement after the parties have conferred.

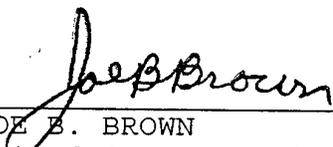
The Magistrate Judge has read the motion and once again is disappointed in both the quality of the questions and the quality of the answers. Both sides seem more interested in running up billable hours with motions and responses than in actually producing the necessary material and attempting to resolve this case. The parties are reminded that any response which promises a document or response at a future date will specify a date by which this will be accomplished. The Magistrate Judge expects that the parties will narrow the matters at issue in this discovery dispute

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by avoiding incredibly broad questions, such as Requests 48 through 51. Similarly, the plaintiffs must not simply respond that requests are over broad and unduly burdensome and seek information that is neither relevant to the claims and/or defenses at issue in this action, or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery or information admissible in the trial of this matter. This boilerplate adds nothing to an objection. If there is a specific reason it is over broad, unduly burdensome, or not relevant, those reasons must be stated specifically.

It is so ORDERED.



JOE B. BROWN
United States Magistrate Judge